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DURHAM, N.H. – The Friends of the University of New Hampshire Library will host the third in a series of one-on-one conversations with authors who have ties to the Granite State Sunday, May 1, 2005, at 2 p.m. when local author Rebecca Rule interviews Donald Hall before a live audience.

Hall is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and served as New Hampshire Poet Laureate for five years. In addition to numerous books of poetry and prose, Hall has written several children's books, including *Ox-Cart Man*, which won the Caldecott Medal, edited dozens of textbooks and anthologies, and published several autobiographical works. His honors include two Guggenheim fellowships, the Poetry Society of America's Robert Frost silver medal, and three nominations for the National Book Award. His newest book will be released just in time for the reading. *The Best Day The Worst Day: Life with Jane Kenyon* is a record of Hall and Kenyon's 23-year marriage at Eagle Pond Farm — of their shared rituals of writing, close attention to pets and gardening, and love in the afternoon.

In the style of Bravo's Inside the Actors Studio, Rule will serve as host and interviewer for The Authors' Series from the Dimond Library at the University of New Hampshire. The interview will be conducted in front of a live audience and recorded by New Hampshire Public Television for future broadcast. There will be an opportunity for members of the audience to ask questions. The program is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. To reserve a space, e-mail nh.authors@unh.edu or call (603) 862-1540. Light refreshments will be served after the interview and both authors will be available to sign their books.

"This series is an opportunity for us to highlight Dimond Library, a great state resource that belongs to students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the people of the state of New Hampshire, and to showcase the incredible talent of our New Hampshire authors," says University Librarian Claudia Morner. "We've had a great response to the first year of this series, and are busy confirming authors for next year."